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## -ABSTRACT

The present invention concerns a method for driving a display panel that provided a display by a gaseous discharge.

A false discharge is prevented which occurs when an initialization sequence voltage containing a reset pulse is applied to a common electrode of a display cell.

Stable initialization is achieved by using, as a pulse to be applied to the common electrode after the reset pulse, a pulse that rises up in one step, or a complex pulse whose second-step pulse rises up within 1 µs after the rise-up of its first-step pulse.

A stabilization sequence is inserted between an initialization sequence and a discharge maintenance sequence.